

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NORIHIRO OOKAWA et al.

Application No.:

Filed:

For: MAGNETORESISTIVE HEAD
AND MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF

Examiner:

Art Unit:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER
37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Respectfully submitted,



David N. Slone
Reg. No. 28,572

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP
Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor
San Francisco, California 94111-3834
Tel: 650-326-2400 / Fax: 650-326-2422
DNS:dd
60040207 v1

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet **1** of**C mplete if Known**

Application Number	
Filing Date	
First Named Inventor	Ookawa, Norihiro
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	16869G-087600US

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS+

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number Kind Code ² (if known)			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	AA	JP	2002151755	A	05/24/02	Alps Electric Co. Ltd.		<input type="checkbox"/>
	AB							<input type="checkbox"/>
	AC							<input type="checkbox"/>
	AD							<input type="checkbox"/>
	AE							<input type="checkbox"/>
	AF							<input type="checkbox"/>
	AG							<input type="checkbox"/>
	AH							<input type="checkbox"/>

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Kind Codes of U.S. Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.